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Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Wildflower Hotline: 760-767-4684 www.parks.ca.gov/anzaborrego

### Park Wildflower Update: 3/27/19

- 1. Visitor Center area: Nice patches of desert dandelion, phacelia, and shrubs in Visitor Center garden, along paved trail to campground, and in Borrego Palm Canyon (try the Alternate Trail, as well as the Main Trail, for great annual flowers!), Hellhole and Little Surprise Canyons.
- 2. Coyote Canyon: The dirt road into Lower Coyote Canyon is open (to 4WD or all-wheel-drive vehicles), but remains rough beyond Desert Gardens due to flooding (high clearance 4WD only).
- 3. **Henderson Canyon Road:** Sunflowers are now blooming here, joining the display of white dune primrose and purple sand verbena. Port-a-potties and wildflower information are available here.
- 4. S-22 Roadsides: Though past prime, sand verbena and sunflowers bloom on Hwy S-22, near Mile 31.
- 5. **Texas Dip:** Great display of poppies on south-facing hillsides above San Felipe Wash (just north of Hwy 78). San Felipe Wash is 4WD only; 2WD vehicles should park along the paved roadway.
- 6. Highway 78 Corridor: The Narrows Earth Trail and Plum Canyon on Hwy 78, and the Cactus Loop and Yaqui Well Trails (across S-3 from Tamarisk Grove) all have poppies, cacti, and "belly flowers."
- 7. Blair Valley/Little Blair: Enter near mile marker 23 on Highway S-2 for large primitive camping area, good flowers, and short hikes to the Morteros and to the Marshal South Homesite. Vault toilet.
- 8. June Wash and south: Park near mm 42 on Hwy S-2 and walk up the wash (past prime). Also try Carrizo Badlands Overlook at mm 52, or park near mm 48 and walk a short ways into Carrizo Wash.

Getting to the Flowers: Don't have a four-wheel drive vehicle? Here are a few ways you can plan your trip to have a safe and quality experience in the Park viewing wildflower blooms.



Bike It: Rent a mountain bike or e-bike for a day or half day.

Call 760-767-4255



Overland It: Book a desert tour and get out, beyond the most visited areas.

# **Enjoy and Protect our Wildflower Bloom** (Wildflower Hotline: 760-767-4684)

## **Enjoy the Bloom Safely:**

- Bring water and food. Drink water frequently. Don't save it for later.
- Wear sunscreen, a hat and layers, the weather can change quickly.
- Wear closed-toed shoes, the desert can be "pokey".
- Stay on two-wheel drive roads unless you have a high clearance, four-wheel drive vehicle.

#### **Share the Bloom:**

- Take photos and share them **#anzaborrego**. Drones are not allowed in the Park.
- Please do not pick the flowers, leave them for all visitors to experience.

#### Protect the Bloom:

- Tread lightly and stay on trails. Be careful not to walk on the blooms.
- Pack it in and pack it out, take your trash with you.
- Dogs are allowed *only* on Park roads and *must* be on a 6 foot leash at all times.

Thank you for visiting Anza-Borrego Desert State Park®!